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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-10 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C.

§ 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by **Win et al.** (hereinafter Win) U.S. Patent No. **6,453,353**.

4. As to claim 1, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including a method for obtaining a service on a data communications network, the method comprising:

enrolling with an authority, said enrolling creating enrollment results, said enrollment results comprising user data (abstract, figures 1, 5, col. 6, lines 19-54, col. 9, lines 14-col. 10, lines 63); and

using said enrollment results to obtain a service from a service provider, said service provider capable of communicating with said authority to verify said enrollment results (abstract, figures 1, 3B-C, col. 6, lines 58-65, col. 7, lines 15-col. 8, lines 4).

5. As to claim 2, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including a method for managing identification in a data communications network, the method comprising:

- generating authenticated user data (figures 5A-C), said generating comprising:
- presenting a request for authenticated user data and a first set of user data to an authority (figures 5A-C, col. 9, lines 51-67); and
- receiving authenticated user data from said authority in response to said request (figures 5A-C, col. 9, lines 51-col. 10, lines 13); and
- using said authenticated user data to obtain at least one service on said data communications network (figures 3B-C, col. 6, lines 41-65), said using comprising:
- presenting a service request, said authenticated user data to a service provider (figures 3B-C, col. 6, lines 41-65); and
- receiving said at least one service in response to said service request if said service provider determines said authenticated user data is sufficient to provide said at least one service (abstract, figures 3B-C, col. 8, lines 23-col. 9, lines 12).

6. As to claim 3, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including a program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for obtaining a service on a data communications network, the method comprising:

- enrolling with an authority, said enrolling creating enrollment results, said enrollment results comprising user data (abstract, figures 1, 5, col. 6, lines 19-54, col. 9, lines 14-col. 10, lines 63); and

using said enrollment results to obtain a service from a service provider, said service provider capable of communicating with said authority to verify said enrollment results (abstract, figures 1, 3B-C, col. 6, lines 58-65, col. 7, lines 15-col. 8, lines 4).

7. As to claim 4, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including a program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for managing identification in a data communications network, the method comprising:

generating authenticated user data (figures 5A-C), said generating comprising:

presenting a request for authenticated user data and a first set of user data to an authority (figures 5A-C, col. 9, lines 51-67); and

receiving authenticated user data from said authority in response to said request (figures 5A-C, col. 9, lines 51-col. 10, lines 13); and

using said authenticated user data to obtain at least one service on said data communications network (figures 3B-C, col. 6, lines 41-65), said using comprising:

presenting a service request, said authenticated user data to a service provider (figures 3B-C, col. 6, lines 41-65); and

receiving said at least one service in response to said service request if said service provider determines said authenticated user data is sufficient to provide said at least one service (abstract, figures 3B-C, col. 8, lines 23-col. 9, lines 12).

8. As to claim 5, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including an apparatus for managing identification in a data communications network, the apparatus comprising:

means for generating authenticated user data (figure 5A-C), said generating comprising:

means for presenting a request for authenticated user data and a first set of user data to an authority (figures 5A-C, col. 9, lines 51-67); and

means for receiving authenticated user data from said authority in response to said request (figures 5A-C, col. 9, lines 51-col. 10, lines 13); and

means for using said authenticated user data to obtain at least one service on said data communications network (figures 3B-C, col. 6, lines 41-65), said means for using comprising:

means for presenting a service request, said authenticated user data to a service provider (figures 3B-C, col. 6, lines 41-65); and

means for receiving said at least one service in response to said service request if said service provider determines said authenticated user data is sufficient to provide said at least one service (abstract, figures 3B-C, col. 8, lines 23-col. 9, lines 12).

9. As to claim 6, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including an apparatus for managing identification in a data communications network, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a user-controlled secure storage device (figures 5A-C, col. 9, lines 51-col. 10, lines 26);

means for enrolling said user with an authority, said enrolling comprising providing information requested by said authority (abstract, figures 1, 5A-C, col. 6, lines 19-54, col. 9, lines 14-col. 10, lines 63);

means for receiving user data in response to said enrolling (abstract, figures 1, 5, col. 6, lines 19-54, col. 9, lines 14-col. 10, lines 63);

means for storing said user data in said user-controlled secure storage device (figures 5A-C, col. 10, lines 14-55); and

means for using said user data at a service provider Web site to obtain a service (abstract, figures 1, 3B-C, col. 6, lines 58-65, col. 7, lines 15-col. 8, lines 4).

10. As to claim 7, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including an apparatus for obtaining a service on a data communications network, the apparatus comprising:

an enrollment authority configured to accept an enrollment request, said enrollment authority further configured to return enrollment results in response to said enrollment request, said enrollment results comprising user data, said enrollment results for use in obtaining a service from a service provider (abstract, figures 1, 3B-C, 5, col. 6, lines 19-65, col. 7, lines 15-col. 8, lines 4, col. 9, lines 14-col. 10, lines 63).

11. As to claim 8, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including an apparatus for obtaining a service on a data communications network, the apparatus comprising:

a service provider configured to accept a service request and enrollment results obtained from an enrollment authority, said service provider capable of communicating with said authority to verify said enrollment results, said service provider configured to provide said service based upon said enrollment results and a response from said enrollment authority (abstract, figures 1, 3B-C, 5, col. 6, lines 19-65, col. 7, lines 15-col. 8, lines 4, col. 9, lines 14-col. 10, lines 63).

12. As to claim 9, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including an apparatus for managing identification in a data communications network, the apparatus comprising: an authority configured to accept an authenticated data request and a user data (figures 5A-C), said authority further configured to authenticate said user data to create authenticated data, said authority further configured to return said authenticated data in response to said authenticated data request (col. 9, lines 51-col. 10, lines 55).

13. As to claim 10, **Win** teaches the invention as claimed, including an apparatus for managing identification in a data communications network, the apparatus comprising: a service provider configured to accept a service request (figures 3B-C), a first set of user data and a second set of user data, said first set of user data comprising user data authenticated by an authority (figures 3B-C, col. 6, lines 58-65), said service

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provider further configured to determine whether said first set of user data and said second set of user data are sufficient to provide said service, said service provider further configured to provide said service based upon said determination (abstract, figures 1, 3B-C, col. 6, lines 58-65, col. 7, lines 15-col. 9, lines 12).

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

15. Harrisville-Wolff et al. (US. Pub. No. 2004/0030887), Abdelnur et al. (USPN 6,212,640), Kou et al. (US. Pub. No. 2002/0099936), Peterka et al. (US. Pub. No. 2004/0117490), Rathbun et al. (US. Pub. No. 2003/0005308), Bobde et al. (US. Pub. No. 2003/0005280), Buckland USPN 5,999,971), Kishimoto (US. Pub. No. 2002/0046353), Dutta (US. Pub. No. 2002/0078102), Roskind et al. (US. Pub. No. 2003/0041240), Ofir (US. Pub. No. 2002/0178366), Bartoli et al. (USPN 6,047,268), Sampson et al. (USPN 6,490,624), Makeower et al. (US. Pub. No. 2002/0184507) are recited for disclosing various information related to the claimed invention. Applicants are requested to consider these prior art references when responding to this office action.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Ha Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3989. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam, can be reached at (571) 272-3978.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications.

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